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- 1. US REP (PICKER) PERSUADED CHAIRMAN (NAQVI OF INDIA) TO ADOPT MOST OF CHANGES SUGGESTED REFTEL TOGETHER WITH OTHER WHICH US DEL DECIDED WOULD IMPROVE TEXT, EXCEPT THAT, AS ANTICIPATED, NAQVI WANTED COMMISSION ITSELF TO DECIDE WHETHER TO DELETE REFERENCE TO THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS). CHANGES AGREED TO INCLUDE:
- 2. CHANGE IN OP PARA 2 WHICH NOW READS AS FOLLOWS: "2. TRANSMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SECOND UN DEVELOPMENT DECADE AND RECOMMENDS ITS CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON REVIEW AND APPRAISAL AND BY THE ECOSOC."

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B. NEW LANGUAGE RE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS PER PARA 2 REFTEL.

C. STATEMENT PARA 3: REPLACED "PERSISTENT INFLATION WITH "AGGRAVATED INFLATION" IN ORDER OBTAIN AT LEAST OBLIQUE REFERENCE TO EFFECT OF FOUR-FOLD HIKE IN PETROLEUM PRICES.

D. STATEMENT PARA 10 REPLACED "THE" WITH "AN"; REPLACED "RADICAL" WITH "PROGRESSIVE"; AND ADDED WORDS "WHERE NEEDED" AFTER "INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE".

E. OP PARA 3: LATTER PART OF LAST SUB-PARA REWORDED AS FOLLOWS:" . . . REVIEW AND APPRAISAL OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND FAILURES DURING THE SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDEAS IN THE STATEMENT."

- 2. CHAIRMAN BEGAN DISCUSSION OF THIS ITEM BY ANNOUNCING DRAFT-ING AND NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES AS BEING INCORPORATED IN THE TEXT AT REQUEST OF VARIOUS DELS AND DISCOURAGED DEBATE ON THEM. EVEN THOUGH SOME, INCLUDING SOME OF THOSE PROPOSED BY US, WERE IN FACT SUBSTANTIVE IN NATURE, NONE POSED ANY PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY FOR US.
- 3. UKRAINIAN DEL WHICH HAS TAKEN THE LEAD IN PUSHING THE SOVIET BLOC VIEW DURING THIS SESSION PROPOSED NEW PARA WHICH WHOULD BE-COME PARA 11 OF STATEMENT. UK DEL SHARPLY CRITICIZED PROPAGAN-DISTIC PROVISIONS, OPPOSED INCLUSION OF THIS PARA AS UNNECESSARY, AND SECURED MODIFICATION SO THAT IT NOW READS:
 "SIMILARLY, INTERNATIONAL ACTION MUST INVOLVE POVERTY-FOCUSED AID, INCLUDING INCREASED EFFORT BY ALL COUNTRIES IN A POSITION TO DO SO, EFFECTIVE MEASURES TOWARDS DISARMAMENT TO RELEASE RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT, REMOVAL OF COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, (BEGIN UNDERLINE) APARTHEID, (END UNDERLINE) FOREIGN OCCUPATION, AGGRESSION AND THREATS AGAINST NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, ALL FORMS OF IMPERIALISM, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FULFILL THE OBJECTIVES OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT."
- 4. MAIN ISSUE WAS, OF COURSE, CERDS. PRIOR TO MEETING US CONSULTED WITH THOSE MEMBERS OF CSD WHO HAD VOTED AGAINST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERDS IN 29TH GA (BELGIUM AND UK) AND THOSE WHO HAD ABSTAINED (AUSTRIA, FRANCE, ITALY, JAPAN). INITIAL HOPE THAT US MIGHT OBTAIN SUPPORT FOR ABSTENTIONS EVAPORATED WHEN BELGIUM AND UK RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS DURING COURSE OF MORNING TO VOTE FOR BUT TO EXPRESS STRONG RESERVATIONS DURING EXPLANATION OF VOTE. OTHER EEC MEMBERS RECEIVED SIMILAR INSTRUCTIONS. ALL EEC MEMBERS, PLUS AUSTRIA AND JAPAN, EXPLAINED THEIR VOTES, MOST OF THEM STATING THAT THEIR VOTE FOR THIS RES DID NOT INDICATE

ACCEPTANCE OF THE CHARTER. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE BEFORE THE VOTE, US REP (PICKER) STATED PER INSTRUCTIONS THAT US WAS OPPOSED TO CITING CERDS SINCE IT WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS ECONOMIC, NOT SOCIAL, ISSUES, AND THAT SINCE IT HAD BEEN OPPOSED BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN COMMISSION, ITS INCLUSION WOULD CREATE UNNECESSARY PROBLEMS. ALSO, AS STATEMENT WAS TO REFLECT ACTUAL DEBATE OF ITEMS, INCLUSION OF CERDS DID NOT REFLECT DEBATE, AS IT HAD NOT BEEN BROUGHT UP. SPEAKING FOR US, SHE STATED THAT IF REFERENCE TO CERDS WERE RETAINED, HER DEL WOULD VOTE AGAINST RES.

5. VARIOUS COUNTRIES SPOKE FOR RETAINING THE REFERENCE, WHILE OTHERS SPOKE AGAINST DOING SO. CHAIRMAN THEN CALLED FOR VOTE. VOTE TO RETAIN WORKS "AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES" WAS 15-7(US)-2. VOTE TO RETAIN ENTIRE PARA WAS 15-1(US)-7. VOTE ON RES AS A WHOLE WAS 22-1(US)-0.

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